



## **COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE**

*CITY OF SAN DIEGO – SIXTH COUNCIL DISTRICT*

### **Press Release**

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### **FRYE & ATKINS KICK OFF RIVER DAYS 2008**

*36 related activities planned throughout the weekend*

**San Diego, CA-** Today City Councilmember Donna Frye, Councilmember Toni Atkins and other members of the San Diego River Conservancy, kicked off San Diego River Days 2008 by leading a walk along the San Diego River.

Councilmember Donna Frye said, "This River Days event is an opportunity to celebrate the San Diego River Park. To kick off the celebration, we are here today to walk beside the river and make people aware of all the activities that are happening along the river."

The walk began near the Fashion Valley Trolley Station and continued along the river for two miles. A number of people attended the event, some with their dogs, and walked with Councilmembers Frye and Atkins. Other participants brought their bicycles and rode all the way to Ocean Beach.

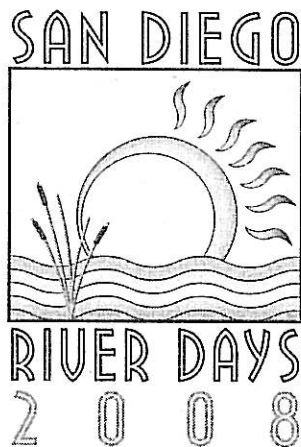
San Diego River Day includes 36 events along the River over two separate weekends, May 10-11 & May 17-18 (see attached information). Activities include nature walks, a Dog Beach cleanup, "Aquatic Adventures" at the mouth of the River, a Mother's Day Estuary Walk, and a tree planting involving 1,000 trees and plants. There will also be a "Riverfest Contest," which challenges participants of all ages to find six photographed locations along the San Diego River. All locations are along the river in Mission Valley. Winners receive Westfield Shopping Center gift cards. Westfield Shopping Centers has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Mission Valley community and the San Diego River.

Atkins is the Councilmember for the Third Council District of the City of San Diego. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Budget & Finance committee and a member of the San Diego River Conservancy. Frye is the Councilmember for the Sixth Council District of the City of San Diego. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee and chair of the San Diego River Conservancy.

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# A Celebration of the San Diego River

## 4 Days — 36 Family Friendly Events • May 10-11 & 17-18



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### DISCOVER

May 10th 9AM	Mission San Diego de Alcalá Museum and Archaeological Tour
May 11th 9AM	Mission Valley Preserve Garden
May 11th 1PM	Presidio Park Tours
May 17th 9AM, 10:30AM	Nature Walks in Santee's Mast Park
May 17th 9AM, 11AM	Point Loma Native Plant Garden Open House and Tour
May 17th 9AM	Buchanan Canyon Tour
May 17th 11AM	El Monte Valley Nature Park Tour
May 17th 1PM	Nature Writing Workshop at the Point Loma Native Plant Garden
May 17th 1PM	Famosa Slough Bird and Nature Walk
May 18th 10AM, 1:30PM	Silverwood Wildlife Sanctuary Hikes
May 10 & 18 1PM	Rock Painting in the Habitat Garden at Ruffin Canyon
May 10, 11, 17 & 18	Barona Cultural Center and Museum Tour

### VOLUNTEER

May 10th 9AM	Famosa Slough Volunteer Project
May 10th 9AM	Dog Beach Cleanup
May 10th 9AM	Aquatic Adventures at The River Mouth
May 10th 9AM	Dune Habitat Restoration
May 10th 9AM	Santee River Park Cleanup
May 11th 9AM	Mission Valley River Cleanup Across from the Mission
May 17th 9AM	Mission Valley River Cleanup at Pacific Highway

### EXPLORE

May 10th 9AM	Bike Ride Along the River
May 10th 9AM	Mission Valley River Walk
May 10th 10AM	Tierrasanta Canyon Hike
May 11th 9AM	Mother's Day Estuary Walk
May 11th 10AM	Eagle Peak Preserve Open House and Tours
May 11th 1PM	Santa Ysabel Open Space Preserve Hike to the Top of the River
May 17th 9:30AM	Explore a Potential Trail in Mission Valley from Normal Heights to Serra Mesa
May 18th 9AM	Cedar Creek Hike from San Diego Country Estates
May 18th 10AM	Tierrasanta Canyon Hike

### SPECIAL EVENTS

May 10th 8:30AM - 9AM	River Days Kickoff
May 10th 9AM	Art at the River Mouth
May 10th 9:30AM & 1PM	Lake Murray Kayak Tour
May 17th 9AM - 4PM	Explore Mission Trails Day
May 17th 8AM	5k Trail Run/Walk in Lakeside
May 17th 12PM - 2PM	Mission Valley Library Riverfest
May 17th 9AM - 4PM	TierraFest Craft Fair
May 18th 10AM - 2PM	River Garden - Closing Event

**Join us on May 18th for our closing event! Help plant more than 1,000 plants to help beautify Mission Valley. Great family event. Groups welcome. Host: San Diego River Park Foundation**

For A Complete Listing Of Events Or To RSVP Visit:

**[www.sdriverdays.org](http://www.sdriverdays.org) or call 619.297.7380**





# Mission Valley Library Riverfest

Saturday

May 17, 2008

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Mission Valley Library Garden  
2123 Fenton Parkway

Join the Friends of the Mission Valley Library for a celebration of San Diego River Days

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy  
the music of the Bayou Brothers!

Take the trolley from Fenton Parkway to Rio Vista, Mission Valley or Hazard Center & Enjoy a walk along the river!

#### Trolley Rides

Kids 5 and under ride FREE!  
Two children 12 and under ride FREE with a fare-paying adult.

Adult all day UNLIMITED rides for \$5.

Seniors (60+)/Disabled Fare \$1

Hop on and off as often as you like  
- A great way to see the river!

For more information call (619) 236 - 7053 or visit [www.sandiegoriver.org](http://www.sandiegoriver.org)